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Oxnard Man Sentenced for Drug Deal Murders in Tarzana

One of two men convicted of a double murder during a 2016 botched drug deal was sentenced today to two terms of life in state prison without the possibility of parole, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Guillermo Teran, 27, of Oxnard was convicted by a jury last August of two counts of first-degree murder with special circumstance allegations of murder during the commission of a robbery, murder by means of discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle and multiple murders.

His co-defendant, Tomas Ramos Ochoa, 37, of Los Angeles was found guilty of two counts of second-degree murder in case LAO83605. Ochoa was sentenced last month to 32 years to life in state prison with a consecutive life term.

On June 2, 2016, Christian Barrera-Rivera, 23, and Sonny Peña, 28, were initially fired upon in Woodland Hills soon after driving up to the defendants for a drug deal, according to evidence presented at the trial. The victims sped away but Teran and Ochoa caught up with them in Tarzana, prosecutors said.

The victims were found shot near Corbin Avenue and Calvert Street. Peña was dead and Barrera-Rivera died later at a nearby hospital.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorneys Brad Harmon and Elizabeth Karb.

The Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Station, investigated the case.

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